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The Word of Harpeth Hall

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Rhys Said Oil Leak Is Under Control

by Kristen Campbell

Harpeth Hall had its own, smaller version of the Exxon Valdez last month when junior Kat Ward reported the odd smell of what she thought was gasoline or paint remover coming from in front of Souby Hall. On October 3, torrential rains caused the cover of an oil storage tank under Souby Lawn to come off of the tank, allowing a large quantity of oil to seep up through the soil and run down Souby Lawn; the 1,000 gallon oil tank was originally used to heat the Souby House. Harpeth Hall, although not required to follow Environmental Protection Agency standards for removing the contaminated ground and oil tank because the property is zoned as a residential area, is nonetheless using the E.P.A. procedures to ensure that their actions are environmentally sound.

After first identifying the oil seepage, the administration tied off the area, but not before several students slipped on the slick ground. Junior Melissa Batchelor, who

slid in the oil leak early in the day before the problem had been identified, declared, "I was really mad because I smelled like gasoline for the rest of the day. I was just walking innocently down to lunch when I fell."

Over fall break Mr. John Rochford, a Harpeth Hall trustee, personally paid to have a machine brought in and the oil drained. The tank was then removed, cut up into pieces, and disposed of in a special landfill. Finally, the contaminated soil was removed, and the workers filled the hole with uncontaminated soil. The administration waited for a permit issued by the city to move the mounds of oil-laden dirt sitting on Souby Lawn. As soon as the soil was removed, the bare patches of earth were reseeded for next spring. According to Trey Riddle, the plant manager, the only other tanks on campus are an oil storage facility drained two years ago at the Kirkman House and a newer tank under the McMurray Arts and Athletics



An incongruous backhoe sits on Souby lawn after the administration's massive efforts to clean up the oil leak which occurred when the lids of storage tanks under Souby exploded.

photo by Kristen Campbell

Center. The tank under the Arts and Athletic center has not been drained or removed because it serves as an alternative form of heating in case the gas prices in Nashville ever soar too high. "That tank, because it is newer, seems to be pretty secure," Mrs. Rhys said.

Several students have voiced concerns about the effects of the oil spill on their health. Junior Lauren O'Neill decided, "Personally I think it was divine intervention that saved all of us. We're talking about necks breaking from slippage, infiltration into

the main water system, and genetic defects. What about our children? We could have three-limbed babies coming out of us."

Mrs. Rhys, however, asserted that there were no health concerns: "If it had happened in an interior way, and there couldn't have been any ventilation, it could have been a problem. But outside like that, it was just irritating." Also, although the oil tank itself was highly flammable, the removed dirt poses no problems as "the proportion of oil to soil [after the dirt was dug up] is such that it's not flammable. That [the mound of contaminated dirt] is not going to become a flaming

pyre."

The city issued a permit for the removal of the soil the week of October 22, and Harpeth Hall has already begun to replant the grass on Souby Lawn. Students, who tolerated the stench of the oil for two weeks and the demolition of Souby Lawn, are hopeful that the mess will be cleaned up soon. Senior Katie Pritchett, although critical of the current appearance of Souby Lawn, decided, "I was glad to see that action was taken to clean up the leak, even if it meant we had to deal with the mounds of oil-drenched dirt."

HH, Many Others Honor YWCA Women of Achievement

by Sarah Chisolm

On Tuesday, October 24, over 800 people attended the annual YWCA Women of Achievement dinner. Representing Harpeth Hall at the dinner were Head of School Leah Rhys, faculty members Legare Vest and Karen Roark, and two Harpeth Hall board members, as

well as seniors Val Byrd, Sarah Chisolm, Jennifer Kain, Kristin Smith, and Kristine West.

The dinner honored several prominent Nashville women for their achievements and contributions to the community in everything from

volunteerism to politics. The inductees were M. Inez Crutchfield, a teacher of forty years, Jane G. Eskind, the first female politician elected to statewide office in Tennessee, Betty Chiles Nixon, a former Metro Council member and

mayorial candidate in Nashville, Martha Ragsdale Ragland, an activist who has worked for women's rights since the 1930s, and Peggy Weil Steine and Leah Rose Werthan, both lifelong volunteers.

The evening's program

integrated readings from suffragette speeches and letters with video interviews of the honorees, showing the continued activism of Tennessee women and its positive influence on conditions in the Nashville community.

A...My Name Is Alice Had Something For Everyone

by Margaret McRedmond

Girls in 90s clothing, a Thursday night performance, and bold choreography were ingredients which made *A...My Name is Alice: A Musical Review*, which ran from Thursday, October 19 through Sunday, October 22, a unique play for Harpeth Hall.

A... My Name is Alice, directed by Janette Fox Klocko, is set in the 1990s. Sophomore cast member Kate Rose thinks this play is appealing to Harpeth Hall girls because it is based on women and their roles in society. It

addresses many of the situations and problems which women face in the world today. Yet Georgia Yowell, another cast member, said, "I think it has a lot of humor as well as a lot of seriousness. It's a good mix of everything."

According to junior Holly Meadows, a veteran Harpeth Hall actress, this play has something for everyone. The play's diversity drew new as well as familiar faces to the stage, and, as Dr. Art Echerd said, "[*A...My Name is Alice* showed] the depth of acting

talent in the junior and senior classes." In addition, this play's choreographer, Nora Cook, who is a well-established figure in the Nashville acting community, tried to include ideas from the actresses in the dances for the show.

With the addition of a Thursday night show, the play attracted crowds of viewers from the Harpeth Hall community and beyond, and many girls came back to see two or three performances. *A...My Name is Alice* definitely had something for everyone.

Madame Zoro's Amazing Predictions

Happy Birthday, Scorpio! I'm afraid I have to use your column to reassert my support of the boycott of the National Turkey Foot Grinders of the US (the NTFG). This year, don't eat the turkey! Turkey is an awful concept anyways. Their feathers are brown and white . . . hello! can we say major bird fashion faux pas!

Sagittarius: I see... I see... in your future a tall and dark... oh, oh the image is fading... no a redhead, he will be consumed with desire for you... no, you will consume him... Oh. It's the Thanksgiving turkey.

Capricorn: Basketball season comes after football season. So that unusually tall proverbial glass of milk won't come around until Shaq's smile

ceases to light up those Pepsi commercials. Don't play innocent with me, Capricorn; you know what I mean.

Aquarius: It's not that you try to lie; it's just that it's so much fun to deceive other people.... Be warned from deception for the next few months, though. Although lightning won't strike you, you'll start getting those little electrical shocks when you touch door-knobs if you overdo your white lies.

Pisces: Watch Monty Python's *The Meaning of Life* and try to find all the fish. Do it or else I'll ask all my Aquarian friends to touch you at the same time.

Aries: Okay, so for the past couple of years your romantic relationships have been

great: breezy, passionate, fun, but unfortunately they've been... ahem,... rather short, haven't they? But your friends don't seem to understand: you just get bored with one person! So pig out on that bread stuffing this Thanksgiving, but remember: don't touch the turkey.

Taurus: This is a hint to the friends of Taureans. You know that lovely, placid expression that usually graces your Taurus friend's face? She's so calm; usually nothing annoys her. If the calmness ever leaves, then something big has happened to her; the situation must be fixed...and soon!

Gemini: This is to reaffirm my boycott of turkeys. Do not eat turkey this year, Gemini! It's okay for Sagittarius, but not for you. Turkeys are suitable only for pillow-

Seniors Enjoy Their Status On Campus

compiled by Lesley Grantham

After settling into our kingdom, the senior class seems to have mixed feelings about this year. Overall, however, spirits are flying high. Here are comments—enthusiastic, responsible, harried, and/or tyrannical—made by seniors about their new status:

"I like to come into the Senior House and boss around those frosh."

"As leaders, we try to set a good example for the underclassmen to follow."

"Having a lot of responsibility means a lot to the senior class, but I think we're taking it well."

"We get to eat whenever we want."

"I love the glorifying labels that the adoring sophomores put on our class as a whole."

"It's about time; we've got to make the best of it."

"It's really rad, but I'm still waiting for the all-female football team they promised us in seventh grade."

"I've had senioritis since freshman year, so I see no difference!"

"We get to seize great learning opportunities about transvestite gangstas."

"The work is really hard, but the friendships make it all worth it."

Well, there you have it, folks. Looks like this is going to be a great year.

stuffing and soup-bases.

Cancer: Your graphing calculator will save you this month. Next time you get an "Error: Domain" message, check in with the situation back home. Open your mind, though, and make sure you see things from the other person's perspective.

Leo: Your hair looks gorgeous! Your cuticles are in great shape! Your toenails are bright! You are the center of the party, Leo.... Don't worry, summer will shine away the gloom of winter again soon.

Virgo: Virgo, Virgo, stop being so cynical. Don't be so negative. Never look at things in such a negative light again.

Have you caught the irony, yet? Oh, and by the way: it's not Jim Dandy anymore; it's Mapco Express. Geez, get with the program.

Libra: Congratulations on getting through last month's birthday season. All those friends wanting to go out with you, at the same time wanting your attention: how will you balance it? And all those decisions you have to make: what should I wear? Which present to open first? And next? And when your best friend gave you A-K of Compton's Encyclopedia of Arts and Crafts Projects, you were doomed to smile and say, "Oh, thanks."

To Wong Foo Is Bizarre But Fun

by Meghann McConnell and Rachel Pitman

Picture this: drag queens, beauty pageants, and a small country town. Strange as this scenario may seem, it is an accurate picture of *To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar*, which features Vida Boim (Patrick Swayze), Noxima Jackson (Wesley Snipes), and Chi Chi Rodriguez

(John Leguizamo). After winning a beauty pageant, these three "women" set out for Los Angeles in an old convertible but get sidetracked in a small country town, where they teach their rural hosts a lesson in sophistication and class.

This fun flick will give you not only a good laugh but also some insight into the

life of a drag queen. Snipes described this way of life best: "When a gay man who has way too much fashion sense for one gender puts on a dress, then he is a drag queen." The movie is also enhanced by a great soundtrack. We highly recommend it for a night when you really need a laugh. (rating=2.5 stars out of 4)

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Seniors Led The Volleyball Team

by Courtney Weaver

Here at Harpeth Hall, each of us is expected to be a leader. Every spring, one graduating class passes on to the next the honor and responsibility that goes with being seniors. Respect is not simply a rite of passage, however; it must be earned.

Nowhere at our school does leadership and respect come more into play than in team sports, and nowhere are they more prominent than in volleyball. It is a sport that gives special meaning to the word "togetherness," for all six girls on the court must play in perfect harmony.

The volleyball season is a long and grueling one which begins in July at the infamous volleyball camp (formerly at Mulligan College, now at Webb School in Bell Buckle, TN). Much is expected of every girl on the team, and none are looked up to more than the seniors. They are expected to encompass and teach others the ideal qualities of leadership, kindness, and talent.

They are expected to keep their cool throughout the

long and often frustrating hours of practice, and it is up to them to keep peace among team members, to build morale, and to encourage team spirit.

The five Harpeth Hall athletes who provided this year's senior volleyball leadership—Lee Crabtree, Margaret Bass, Colleen White, Michelle Daugherty, and Adair Holliday—deserved special respect. These girls spent countless hours in the gym, shedding unrecognized sweat and tears during practice and working to prepare the team for a successful season.

All five girls held invaluable jobs while on the volleyball court. The first-string setter, Lee, often worked behind the scenes. Lee spent years practicing her setting, often working until her fingers are bloody and sore. Never was there a more determined or hardworking player.

Michelle was fondly called "evil" (although her personality is anything but what her nickname insinuates). Her consistency in hitting and passing won her a position on



The senior-led volleyball team huddles before a game at David Lipscomb.

photo courtesy of Margaret Bass

the court, while her wonderful disposition earned her a place in everyone's heart. Her effort and quiet leadership made Michelle invaluable to the team.

No one was more determined or tried harder than Margaret. Lovingly known as Madge, she always had time for encouragement and a kind word. She made the transition from middle hitter to outside hitter this year and handled the change with expertise. In addition, her blocking abilities were extremely important to the defense.

Colleen's ambition and efforts provided an inspiration to all of her fellow players. Colleen, an outside hitter, had the aggression and inner drive to

allow her to put her talents to use. Whether passing on the back line or scoring points at the net, Colleen never stopped pushing herself.

Deceptive to those that don't know her, Adair's quiet manner can often be misleading. Beneath her calm exterior lies both a talented and aggressive athlete. This is a girl who beat Katherine Wray body wrestling last summer! Her blocking techniques and middle hits were crucial to the team, and she covered the back line with a vengeance.

A bright future is ahead for the team as well. Junior Catherine Shull started this season for the second year

as a middle hitter, and her hits are only getting harder. The sophomore class holds much promise, and they will make our school proud for the next two years.

Harpeth Hall had high goals set for post-season play, but could not match up to a tough Brentwood Academy team, as Harpeth Hall finished third in the district, ending their season. Although the season is over, the team is currently planning for next year, already holding Varsity try-outs. The rising stars among the underclassmen hope to emulate the determination of the seniors this year.



Coach Nan Reed discusses tactics with senior Kristine West.

photo courtesy of Kristine West

Golf Team Hones Their Skills Playing "The Civilized Sport"

by Kristine West

As in past years, the 1995 golf team remained undefeated throughout the regular season. However, this year was different in one respect. This year the golf team was truly a team, made up of five girls who cared for their teammates' and for their own golf games. They took up clubs together to try their luck at "the sport that can be played for the rest of your life." This great depth not only came in

handy during matches but also provided a team atmosphere which made the entire season a lot of fun.

The team was led by freshman Margaret Horton, who represented the Honeybears in the State Championship last year. Sophomore Terri Beuerlein and senior Kristine West were also back for their second year. In

addition, Anne Nicholas Weiss, a sophomore low scorer, and Molly Kaplan, an eighth grader, joined the team.

Coach Nan Reed was encouraged by the number of girls playing and hopes that the interest continues. "The year has been great, working with this group. I'm pleased with their progress and proud of what the girls have accomplished."

Team Unity Leads to Soccer Success

by Brianne Frazier

This fall, twenty-eight dedicated girls spent their afternoons running, passing, dribbling, and shooting. No, it's not the basketball team, it's the new and improved Harpeth Hall soccer team.

The team was new because of its many underclassman additions, and it had definitely improved since last year's season. The team achieved an 8-3-4 record which included ties with top-ten schools BGA and Franklin, as well as victories over long-time rivals USN and Father Ryan. Coach John Hopple, through grueling drills and long-distance running, whipped this group into shape and helped the team develop as a unit.

This season was exciting and memorable for all, with seven seniors—A.K. Dettwiller, Brianne Frazier, Leila Holscher, Comer Ireland, Sukey Tully, Crissy Wieck, and Emily Wild—leading the team. Each player, through personal determination and under Coach Hopple's guidance, improved tremendously. Although the hours were long and the heat unbearable, the team members managed to enjoy themselves. Through morning breakfasts, pasta dinners, San Antonio Taco Company lunches, and just about anything involving food, the team created bonding time. In fact, they all grew extremely close and became what Dr. Hopple called "a soccer family."



Senior members of the soccer team celebrate after their last minute win over USN.

photo courtesy of Comer Ireland

The primary reason for Harpeth Hall's success is that each game was played with intensity and desire. The defense, consisting of goalkeeper Ireland, as well as Frazier, Wieck, Wild, and freshman Anne Partlett, presented a difficult challenge for many of Tennessee's best players. Mid-fielders Dettwiller

and Tully, along with juniors Kristen Campbell, Carrie Smith, and Katie Tidwell, provided great transition, assists, and goals. Attackers Leila Holscher, Katie Jackson, and Tiffany Watson continually pounded the net and created a great deal of offensive pressure. All areas of the field became a cohesive force, each giving 100 percent

effort at all times.

The team turned in a memorable performance against St. Cecilia in the district semi-finals, upsetting the number two seed in overtime. Harpeth Hall also pushed Father Ryan to the limits in the district finals, losing 2-0 in another overtime battle. The team ended its season with a 2-1 loss to Martin Luther King in the regional semi-finals.

THE FIRST ANNUAL LOGOS II SPORTS FANS OF THE MONTH

Dr. Art Echerd

Harpeth Hall's biggest fan was sighted at numerous cross country meets, soccer games, and volleyball matches. Beth Sherrard

This junior attended almost every soccer game and most of the cross country meets.

Cross Country Team Runs Rain or Shine, But Mostly in Rain

by Grace Hodo

The other day, Coach Susan Russ was obviously not in an inspirational mood. Turning to members of the cross country team, she said, "It's hard to make cross country fun." How could she think that? In what other sport do you get to run through the woods, rain, and mud for three miles? (And the three miles is just on meet days—it's usually six.)

With two meets, two interval workouts, and at least one distance day per week, our team was plagued with minor aches, pains, and snapping hip syndromes. But Coach Russ did give us a chance to rest our tired joints on Wednesdays, when we headed over to Centennial Sportsplex for a water workout. We ran in the pool while the NAC swimmers watched us and wonder if we are sane.

So cross country is a

bit daunting, but at least it is always an interesting sport. Several of our meets were in torrential downpours, and some of us had physical ailments that even Ms. Russ couldn't diagnose. All this hard work and pain had its benefits, however. The junior varsity team placed fifth in the Tennessee Classic. In the regular season, the team was undefeated, and they went on to become the district champions. The strong junior varsity team finished the district meet with a perfect score of 15, taking first, second, third, fourth, and fifth place.

Continuing this record of strong finishes, Harpeth Hall won second place in the Metro Championships, losing by only one point to Hume-Fogg. The junior varsity team again took first to become the city champi-

ons. In the Regional Championships, Harpeth Hall took first place with all of their runners turning in excellent times. "I was so proud of them," Coach Susan Russ said.

The team also had many strong individual runners. Junior Ruth Duncan, sophomores Lauren May, Lindsey Gaston, Karen Sweeney, and Dori Sztipanopolis, and freshman Lindsay Voigt were all chosen for the first All-District Team, and sophomore Ally Harper for the second team. The team hoped to further its success in the state cross country meet at Steeplechase on November 4. The team turned in a stellar performance, placing second in the Class A/AA division of the meet. Lauren May had an incredible individual race, placing third overall in the A/AA division.